

NEVADA (Sen. Reid and Heller)

Current Transportation Condition:

- ASCE transportation grade of C-¹
- 10% of major roads are in poor condition
 - Costing motorists \$544m a year - \$315 per motorists²
 - Total of 216 people died on state highways in 2013³
- Vehicle travel on NV's highways has increased by 141% from 1990-2013,⁴ while the population grew by 130 percent.⁵
- 59% of NV's major highways are congested⁶
 - Traffic congestion costs American motorists \$121b a year in wasted time and fuel⁷

Commerce:

- 78% of the \$53b in commodities delivered annually from sites in Nevada is transported by trucks on the state's highways.⁸

Need for Federal Investment

- 49% Federal share of NV Highway Capital Program⁹
- National Interstate Backlog of \$185.24b on 47,575 miles of interstate.¹⁰
 - National Highway System (NHS) backlog of \$424.5b on 227,224 miles of the NHS.

DRIVE Act —————> *What this does for Nevada*

Prioritizing Bridge Reconstruction and Safety:

- Increased bridge set aside funding for:
 - Nevada's 34 structurally deficient bridges – 13% are structurally deficient or functionally obsolete¹¹

Improving Commerce:

- In the first 3 years of the DRIVE Act, NV will receive \$40,886,938 in addition to growth of the existing programs for freight.
- Prioritizing federal spending on interstate for projects in the national economic interest

¹ ASCE

² TRIP

³ FHWA

⁴ TRIP

⁵ US Census

⁶ Ibid.

⁷ Ibid.

⁸ Ibid.

⁹ ARTBA

¹⁰ AASHTO and FHWA

¹¹ FHWA

Long-term 6 year Certainty:

- Total share for first 3 years of DRIVE Act: \$1,135,645,839 that the state would not get otherwise.
- 60 projects at risk without federal investment¹²
- Major Projects in jeopardy
 - o **Project Neon:** will widen 3.7 miles of Nevada's busiest freeway, I-15, which will significantly improve traffic flow and safety along the highway I-15 North Part 2 - Packages A,C,D¹³
 - o **Boulder City Bypass:** First phase and segment of the I-11 corridor connecting Las Vegas with Phoenix, will be financed primarily with federal funds¹⁴
 - o I-580 Carson City Freeway - Phase 2B-3
 - o US 95, Phase 3A - NE and SW Ramps
- Building off NEPA reforms accomplished in MAP-21, DRIVE is cutting red tape and accelerating project delivery to increase NV's ability to efficiently finish projects.
- DRIVE delivers 6 years of certainty. 12 short term extensions since SAFETEA-LU have impeded on NV's ability to properly plan and budget for transportation projects.
- DRIVE gives NV the ability to prepare for the next 50 years. With a focus on innovation, NV can better deploy technology to improve the state transportation network.

¹² AASHTO

¹³ (<http://www.rgj.com/story/news/2015/02/27/federal-dysfunction-hurt-northern-nevada-road-projects/24090011/>)

¹⁴ (<http://www.rgj.com/story/news/2015/02/27/federal-dysfunction-hurt-northern-nevada-road-projects/24090011/>)